

WHAT ANSON WAS PAID

Salaries of 25 Years Ago Are Shown by Contracts.

"Cap's" Stipend Was \$2,700 and of This Amount \$700 Was for Acting as Manager of Famous Old White Stocking Team.

Baseball managers of today are said to receive fabulous sums. John McGraw of New York is reported to have signed for five years at a salary of \$30,000 a year. Frank Chance, Connie Mack and Fred Clarke are credited with having signed for more than \$15,000.

What a difference from the year of 1888! Leaders in those days got what the major league clubs pay the recruits in the present days of baseball. That is hardly creditable, but it is so. "I'll bet Cap. Anson received a big salary," said an enthusiast. "I would like to wager he was given as much as most managers are getting today. He was a ball player and could surely demand it."

The fan who spoke thus spoke in ignorance of the salaries of 25 years ago, compared with those of today, writes Oscar C. Relchow in the Chicago News. He did not stop to think that it was impossible to pay such sums as the commanders are getting today because the game was in its infancy and if a few thousand persons saw a game the crowd was considered tremendous.

R. E. Smith is the possessor of a contract Anson signed with the old Chicago White Stockings in 1888. He also possesses documents signed by Charles A. Comiskey, N. Fred Pfeffer and Edward N. Williamson when they consented to play in the Brotherhood league.

Years ago the firm of A. G. Spalding & Bros. in Chicago cleaned out one of its departments and threw into the alley considerable refuse such as pa-



Cap. Anson.

pers, books and worthless documents. Smith, who was employed there at the time, knew that the heap contained interesting baseball data and proceeded to rummage through the pile. In the clump were the aforementioned contracts, which he quickly fished out and stored in his collection of baseball information.

Perhaps it never has been told to the public what Anson received as manager of the Chicago White Stockings in the year 1888. The amount which is related here will settle a lot of arguments. When he attached his signature to a document in 1888 he did so for a sum of \$2,000. That was as a player. Seven hundred dollars was added for acting as captain and manager. That is surprising when it is considered that in 1887, the year before, Anson finished the year with a batting average of .421.

Salaries began to go up when the Brotherhood league was organized. The contracts for that organization were given when Charles A. Comiskey, N. Fred Pfeffer and Edward Williamson jumped the old National league. Anson was faithful to the old organization and refused to join the outlaws. Along with Anson's contract Smith unearthed contracts of Comiskey, Pfeffer and Williamson, which they had signed for the Brotherhood league. The present owner of the White Sox then was regarded as the dean of fielding first basemen, although he was not the batter that Anson was. Yet Comiskey when he jumped demanded a big salary and signed his contract containing figures of \$7,000 with John Addison, who was president of the club in 1890.

FRANK REFUSED \$10,000 FOR JACKSON



Joe Jackson, Slugger of Cleveland Naps.

Scarcely a day slips by without adding to the fund of reasons why Connie Mack has been so successful in his efforts to land star baseball players.

The primary reason for his success undoubtedly is that he insists constantly on increasing his number of friends and the number of folks have cause to be grateful for some favor done by him.

The career of Joe Jackson furnishes one of the striking examples. Charley Frank, New Orleans manager, is sponsor for this tale. Connie had control of Joe's actions from the time that Joe first showed signs of glistening. When Joe refused to play in Philadelphia, Connie turned him over to Savannah, but with the understanding that Joe still was under his control.

New Orleans was next in line. Connie turned Joe over to the Pelicans. Boss Frank, of the local club, insisted on paying some money for Joe's services.

"No," answered Connie. "He may prove a failure. We can better afford to lose the money than have you lose it."

"But take \$300 anyway," insisted Frank. "I'd like to gamble on him. He may prove a great star."

"Well, if he doesn't," answered Connie, "so much the better. But we don't want a thing for him."

Get the result of the good feeling

COZY DOLAN NOW A PIRATE

Incapacitated by Wild-Eyed Youth on Atlanta Team Who Spiked Him in Sliding to Third.

Cozy Dolan, turned loose by the Yankees last year, who now is making good with the Pittsburgh Pirates, offers an explanation of why he wasn't able to play up to his best form under Wolverton.

"It was while the Yanks were training in the south last spring," says Dolan, "that I met with the accident which drove me back to the minors. We were playing against the Atlanta club and had the team beaten by something like 13 to 1. In the ninth inning a young fellow came tearing into third base.

"I had him out easily, but he was a wild-eyed chap and slid straight for me. I wasn't looking for such a play under such circumstances. I felt the jar as his foot struck my leg, but I didn't feel any pain and merely gave the youngster the laugh, for his foolishness.

"When I was walking to the dressing room I felt the blood running down my leg. The young fellow's spikes had opened a V-shaped gash in my left leg below the knee. Strange enough, I couldn't find any hole in the stocking where the spikes had gone through. That injury kept me off the field for several weeks.

"After we went north my leg was still in bad shape. I tried to play a game or two, but did so poorly that Wolverton had to let me out. Hereafter I intend to keep my eyes on runners coming into the bag, no matter how much the team I am playing on is ahead.

After Dolan went to Rochester his leg got somewhat better, and in a short time he was one of the best base runners in the International league. At the end he let the organization with a good margin to spare, and is now exhibiting the same speed in the camp of the Pirates.

engendered by Connie's line of argument. He virtually made a life-long friend out of Frank. The New Orleans magnate became deeply indebted to the Athletic chief. When Jackson finally did develop Frank could not be so ungrateful as to refuse to give Connie the first chance at Jackson's services.

In giving the facts for the foundation of that tale Frank indirectly revealed for the first time, that Joe Jackson probably is entitled to be listed as one of the highest priced young fellows ever drawn from a minor league club.

Those with a keen knowledge about baseball affairs will remember the sensation created by Jackson prior to his removal to the Cleveland club. Joe was the most discussed minor league player in the country in 1910. C. W. Murphy, owner of the Cubs, threw the first real shot at Charley Frank in the shape of a message offering \$10,000 for the Carolina wonder.

New watch the effect of Connie Mack's gift. Did Frank immediately telegraph the news broadcast to get other bids. He did not. His first move was to get a message to Connie, telling of Murphy's offer and seeking advice.

"If you've been offered \$10,000 by Murphy, don't take \$20,000 for him," answered Mack.

BASEBALL NOTES

The Cleveland Naps have eight players batting better than .375.

There's many a uniformed baseball player who does not play a uniformly good game.

Clothes do not make the man, nor does a uniform necessarily make a ball player.

Michigan team has a "Strong and Wild" battery. Sounds like a description of Fred Toney.

Earl Yingling, the Brooklyn twirler, seems to be the hardest hitting pitcher in the National league.

The Detroit Tigers have purchased Al Platte from the Providence club of the International league.

Griffith claims the Browns made a mistake in letting Shortstop Lavan go to the Athletics at the waiver price.

Al Demaree is running a close race with Bert Humphries of the Cubs for high honors in the pitching column of the league.

This year's records show that Clyde Milan of the Senators has hit the left-handed pitchers harder than the right-handers.

Muggsy McGraw believes that "Rube" Schauer, his high-priced hurler from the Michigan league, has the goods and will make good in the big show.

"Dutch" Schaefer is the king of pinch hitters. He has been at bat in that capacity fifteen times. In twelve of these chances he has either walked or made a hit.

EX-GOVERNOR ELOPES

GEORGE CURRY AND MARTHA GANS WED AT ROCKVILLE, MD.

Former Congressman-Soldier, 50, Marries Pennsylvania Girl, 21, Despite Her Parents' Objections.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Albuquerque, N. M.—A Washington dispatch states that Hon. George Curry, one of the most picturesque members of the Sixty-second Congress and former governor of New Mexico, eloped to Rockville, Md., the capital's green, and married Miss Martha Clara Gans of Uniontown, Pa. Curry is fifty, while his bride gave her age as twenty-one. Objections by the young woman's parents to the match are said to have precipitated the runaway wedding.



GEORGE CURRY.

Curry served as sheriff of several counties in New Mexico in the frontier days, saw service in the Spanish war as a captain in Roosevelt's rough riders, fought later in the Philippines as commander of the Philippine Scouts, was police chief of Manila and later governed several provinces in the archipelago. He was elected to the Sixty-third Congress, but did not seek re-election.

Arranging For Gala Day at Artesia.

Artesia.—October 14, 15 and 16 will be gala days in Artesia; for then the big meeting of the West Texas and eastern New Mexico Press and Commercial clubs will take place here. There are to be upwards of forty newspaper editors, and twice that many live wires from the commercial organization of the towns within a radius of 300 miles in all directions. The program has not been entirely arranged, but the following will be on the bill: Get Together; the Thing We Must Do, Gayle Talbot; Alfalfa, Does It Pay, G. A. Brainard; Making a Farm Pay, E. F. Freeman; Fruit Growing, J. B. Cecil; The Dairy, J. S. Carlo; The Newspaper, Frank Newkirk; Hogs for Profit, S. A. Lanning; Electric Pumping, Albert Keys; Pecos Valley Oil Fields, J. B. Troxel; Railroads and Rates, S. B. Kemp; Baling and Marketing Alfalfa, Walton A. Hayatt. The first day will be one of organization, selection of officers, etc., and general business. The second day the people of Artesia will entertain the visitors, automobile rides all over the district being on the program, and every attention will be given toward a proper exposition of what the Pecos Valley really is. The third day will be devoted to business and selection of next meeting place.

Girl in Soldier's Garb Arrested.

Albuquerque.—Wearing a soldier's khaki uniform and carrying army discharge papers, Miss Florence Lessner, whose home is in Kansas City, Mo., was taken from a Santa Fe train here by officers because she was traveling on a discharged soldier's ticket. The young woman did not deny her sex, admitting that she had donned a soldier's uniform, cut off her hair and started home on the soldier's ticket because she was ill and without funds, having only recently been discharged from a hospital at San Francisco. She had been given the ticket, she said, by a soldier, who had sympathized with her and offered to assist her to reach home by giving her his ticket. The girl's plight appealed to several charitable women of this city, who supplied her with clothes and bought her a ticket to Kansas City.

Fined for Quail Shooting.

Santa Fe.—F. V. Lanham of Albuquerque, charged with killing quails out of season, was fined \$50 and costs.

NEW MEXICO IN BRIEF

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Dates for Coming Events.
Sept. 26-27—Colfax County Fair at Springer.
Sept. 29-Oct. 1—Indian dance and celebration at Taos.
Sept. 29-Oct. 4—Northern New Mexico Fair at Raton.
October 1-4—Fifth annual Navajo fair at Shiprock.
Oct. 6-11—State Fair at Albuquerque.
Oct. 7-10—State Meeting of New Mexico Federation of Women's Clubs at Santa Fe.
Oct. 14-16—Meeting of Western Texas and Eastern New Mexico Press and Commercial Clubs at Artesia.

A packing plant may be established at Aztec.

Quail are reported to be many and tame this year.

A cream receiving station has been established at Aztec.

James Campbell, while sinking a well six miles east of Silver City recently struck a seam of coal.

The thirty-third annual State fair may be truly said to be the one which will be really the state farmers' fair.

The Lanehart place of 200 acres on Ute creek, in the Logan section, recently changed hands, bringing \$10,000.

A silo, sixteen feet high and eight feet in diameter, is being constructed at the government experiment farm near Tucumcari.

The much despised soap weed has netted one man near Bard \$500, since it has been proven the article can be utilized for rope.

The Roswell Elks decided to put on a good comedy about Thanksgiving time to take the place of the annual minstrel show.

The laws of 1913 in Spanish have just been received from the printers by Secretary of State Antonio Lucero, and are being distributed.

Scientific dry-farming methods resulted in the production of from fifteen to twenty bushels of wheat per acre in the plains section.

McFarland Bros. have let a contract for ten miles of three-wire fence to inclose deeded and state ber 7-10 this year.

The twelve-year-old son of Ramon Lara of Questa had both legs broken when a log rolled upon him while hauling posts from the Cerro mountains.

The skeletons of fifty extinct Tigua Indians were dug up from the ancient ruins of La Cuarae, Torrance county, by scientists excavating for the School of American Archaeology.

With one hundred and fifty acres of grapes under cultivation, an Italian-French wine association has organized with prominent grape growers at Corrales, Sandoval county.

Clovis is negotiating through R. E. Davis of Amarillo, a civil engineer and a representative of financiers, for the construction of a railroad from Tucumcari to Midland, 260 miles.

The jury in the case of H. S. Holloway, former cashier of the Citizen's State Bank at Tularosa, charged with embezzling \$3,500 from that institution, returned a verdict of guilty.

Good Roads Day was observed by the people of Wagon Mound and the citizens got out early with autos, teams and on foot to clean up, repair and mark the roads in that section.

Frank Talmage, Jr., left Roswell for Minneapolis, Minn., to attend a meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Odd Fellows, representing New Mexico with William Twiggs of Albuquerque.

Dr. W. T. Brown, of the Valmore Industrial sanitarium, the father of the Good Roads day movement, was in Las Vegas filled with satisfaction over the way in which the highways were improved on the date set apart for that purpose.

Making mud bricks is quite an industry in Mexico.

The following have been commissioned notaries public by Governor McDonald: William E. Baker, Las Cruces; Simon Neustadt, Los Lunas; Ettore Franchini, Albuquerque; Clarence Eden, East Las Vegas; Moses B. Stevens, Las Cruces.

The Farmers' Development Company of Springer, acquired the bulk of the possessions owned by the Schieler estate. Thirty-six square miles of range, 30,000 head of sheep and other property changed ownership at a price said to reach \$250,000.

The county commissioners and the San Miguel county road board held a short business session at the Las Vegas court house for the purpose of making final arrangements for the beginning of the work that is to be done on the country highways.

Mrs. O. S. Warren, the contractor, has a gang of men engaged in tearing down the large adobe building which occupies the half block of ground immediately south of the court house at Silver City upon which the new Grant County hospital is to be erected.